

MAYOR TELLS SIDE

Thomas J. Miller Gives His Side of Case in Court.

IS IDENTIFIED BY WOMAN

Eloped With Mary Moore and Married Woman Under Name of Charlie Howard—Woman Now Figures as Claimant to St. Louis Estate.

Olympia, Nov. 26.—Thomas J. Miller, mayor of Tumwater, and formerly state senator from this county, told in the superior court here today the story of his marriage to Mary Almedia Moore (Mrs. Leafgreen), the woman who is now claiming on the strength of such marriage, to be the widow of the late Laclede Howard, a St. Louis millionaire.

Miller testified that he assumed the name of Charles H. Howard in an effort to join the cavalry service, after he had been rejected from the infantry service under his true name on account of a weak heart. He claims to have worked as a cigar maker in all the principal towns in the vicinity of St. Louis, but went by the name of Howard only in Palmer and Highland, Ill. He claims that in 1883 he was working for a cigar manufacturer named J. Theile in Palmer and boarded with the manufacturer's family. In Palmer he met Mary Moore and in January the two went to Decatur. To mislead Palmer people in the event the marriage was published, Miller gave the name of "Henry," instead of "Charles" Howard, and his residence at Litchfield.

Mr. Miller has received the following letter from Frank P. Drennan, associate counsel for Mrs. Leafgreen, and brother of the woman's second husband:

Taylorville, Ill., Nov. 9, 1905.
Mr. Thomas J. Miller, Tumwater, Wash. Dear Sir:—I am assisting in the representation of Mrs. Media Leafgreen in the case pending in St. Louis against the estate of Laclede J. Howard. I noticed in the Globe-Democrat yesterday an article, which was a copy of an article published in a paper published in Olympia, Washington, in which it is claimed, you have brought suit against Mrs. Leafgreen, claiming to be the man who married her in Decatur, Ill., on January 15, 1883.

Owing to the fact that I don't care to assist in the prosecution of this claim unless I find it to be a genuine claim against the estate of Laclede J. Howard, I concluded to write you and ascertain whether or not the facts stated in that newspaper article are true. If the man she married in Decatur is living, I want to know it, so that I may know what action to take in the matter.

I take it for granted that if you are the man who married her in Decatur you will have no objection to convincing me of that fact. If you have a photograph of yourself which you could send to me and will let me submit it to the persons who knew you here, why, it seems to me that that would settle the question.

Also, I would like for you to give me the facts concerning the matter sufficient to satisfy me of your claim.

Hoping to hear from you soon in the matter, I remain

Yours very respectfully,
FRANK P. DRENNAN.

The two returned the next day to Palmer, where it was agreed no one should be told of the marriage. Miller testifies that the girl told her mother, however, and that there was a "round-up" at the mother's home. The mother demanded that the two acknowledge their marriage and set up housekeeping. Miller says he was not financially able to do so, and was also afraid of the girl's step-father, named Lockwood. So he left town. He afterwards sent his wife money to meet him in Litchfield. They stopped there at the hotel and there Miller told her that his name was not Howard and that he believed their marriage was void. They thereupon separated by mutual consent. Miller says he has not written to nor seen the woman since. Miller went to Parsons, Kans., where he remained four years; thence to Des Moines, Ia., for two months, thence to Tacoma; thence to Aberdeen, where he remarried, and thence to Olympia.

What purports to be a photographic copy of the marriage certificate of Henry Howard and Mary Moore in Decatur, January 15, 1883, and upon which Mrs. Leafgreen is relying to prove herself the widow of Laclede Howard, was shown to Mr. Miller. He identified the signature "Henry Howard" as having been written by him.

Following the taking of Miller's testimony, Mrs. Sophia Compton of Maple

Calls, Wash.; Mrs. Henrietta Haynes, her sister, of Portland Ore., and Miss Martha Randall, millinery buyer for Stone, Fisher & Lane, were placed on the stand.

Mrs. Compton and Mrs. Haynes were formerly the Misses Kaudref of Palmer, Ill., and Miss Randall was an old chum of Mrs. Leafgreen. All three witnesses identified Miller as Charlie Howard and testified that they knew of his marriage to Miss Moore. Miller had been previously identified by Mrs. J. Thiele, with whom he boarded in Illinois.

The editor of a local paper has received a letter from John O'Connor, attorney for Mrs. Leafgreen, in which he demands, in the name of justice, that Mr. Miller return to St. Louis for purpose of identification. Mrs. Leafgreen was not represented at the taking of depositions today.

ADAMS BREAKS DOWN

Disgraced Cashier of Assay Office Unable to Maintain Composure.

SELF-DESTRUCTION FEARED

After His Weak Attempt at Self-Justification, Is Formally Surrendered by His Bondsmen, and Confined by Secret Service Men in the County Jail.

Seattle, Nov. 26.—Broken down and cringing, George Edward Adams, the disgraced cashier of the United States assay office of this city was in all but a state of collapse when taken to the county jail, after having been surrendered by his bondsmen, Jacob Furth and M. F. Backus. So pronounced was the physical collapse of the erstwhile debonaire club man, that Deputy United States Marshal William Gritman, into whose care Adams was given, was cautioned to take special pains to prevent any attempt at self destruction on the part of the prisoner.

The decision of Adams' bondsmen to surrender him to the authorities came as the result of a most dramatic hour spent in the office of Captain B. W. Bell, head of the secret service department of this district. At the request of Adams himself, Mr. Furth, Mr. Backus, Secret Service Operative Stephen A. Connell, L. S. Kerfoot, representing the United States treasury department; Captain Bell and Rev. J. P. D. Ljwyd assembled at the office and to them Adams made a sec-

ond confession, which for the first time apprised his bondsmen of the extent of his peculations.

As Adams told the tale of his downfall, he seemed for the first time to realize to the fullest extent the position to which his crimes had brought him. He had broken down once before, on the day previous when his armor of self-assurance was broken by the bombardment of incriminating facts which were hurled at him by Operative Connell. At that time Adams collapsed completely, and in the midst of the piercing interrogations with which he was being confronted, fell to the floor of the room where he was on the rack. He soon recovered, however, and after being allowed to secure bondsmen regained much of his former self-assurance and aplomb.

It is stated by the secret service officers that Adams secured his bonds by representing that the charge against him was for being responsible for a few ounces of dust and that the matter would be settled up within 24 hours. After his release from custody Adams, it is stated, went to the residence of Rev. J. P. D. Ljwyd, his pastor and made a complete confession, asking for advice as to what course to pursue. The result was that early yesterday morning he arranged for the conference mentioned.

He said it was because of the objections which Mrs. Clary held for him as a husband for her daughter on account of his poverty that he had gone to the extremes which resulted in his being where he was, and that all he had stolen had gone to give his wife the home her mother desired for her and to support the mother herself.

Questions as to the reason for his high priced automobile, horses and other luxuries elicited a weak attempt at explanation, and the man harkened back to his boyhood days in Massachusetts and the trials of his early manhood.

When this attempt at self-justification was finished, Adams' bondsmen formally surrendered him, and he was given over to Deputy Marshal Gritman and led away to the county jail.

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